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365 new chances

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT ONE

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PRESIDENT REPORT

2024 has been a good year for our Legion. We have made some meaningful upgrades, including the carpet in the Empire Room, painting the walls in the Dart Room and Empire Room, and the addition of 30 new arm chairs to assist older or less agile members.

Our Poppy Campaign was extremely successful, bringing in more than \$90,000 to be distributed to Veterans' causes.

We continue to be a place where the neighbourhood loves to congregate for camaraderie, seniors' dinners, Saturday bands, meat draws, cards, darts, and pool on our newly refurbished tables.

On a sad note, we lost our beloved bar steward, Vickie Tighe, recently. She brightened the lives of all who knew her. She will be missed.

Our membership has now surpassed 560 making us the largest Legion Branch in the Zone. Branch 255 sponsors the 2828 Army Cadet Corps. During COVID, the Corp's membership was hovering around 4 or 5 Cadets. Through recruiting and various other programmes, 2828 now boasts around 60 members from 12 to 19 years of age.

The strides Branch 255 has taken in 2024 are something for all of us, as members to be proud of. Our executive has many other ideas in mind for the betterment of the Branch. If you, as members, have any ideas, we would gladly like to hear them.

Here's wishing 2025 will be a wonderful year for all of us, filled with health, happiness, and prosperity....

Bruce Tribute - President, RCL Branch 255

LAST POST

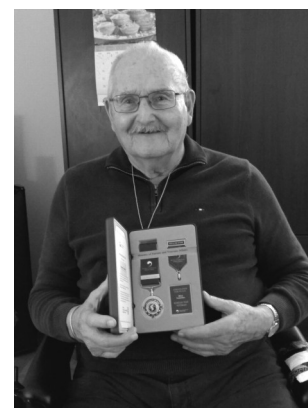


They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.



BRANCH 255 MEMBER COMRADE RAY SILVIUS KOREAN WAR VETERAN

Mr. Dong Ski Jee of The Korean Society of Windsor (under the auspices of the Defense Attaché Office, Embassy of the Republic of Korea) presented 90-year-old Windsor Veteran of the Korean War, Ray Silvius



In 2nd picture Left - Hardy Wheeler, centre - Dong Ski Jee , Right – Richard Gow – Front Ray

64TH ANNUAL RIVERSIDE MIDGET BANTAMN HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

Riverside Minor Hockey is honored to have Danielle Campo McLeod dropping the ceremonial faceoff for this year's Opening Ceremonies, which took place on December 28th, accompanied by Branch 255 Legion Colour Party.

Danielle is a Paralympic champion, celebrated author, and trailblazing advocate for inclusion and mental health.



YOUTH AND EDUCATION - Betty Goodison / Chair

REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM BRANCH 255 SCHOOLS WINNERS

JUNIOR/ COLOR POSTER - 1st Place

Recipient: Parinoorkaur Tiwana

School: MS Heatherington

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Recipient: Parinoorkaur Tiwana

School: MS Heatherington

JUNIOR POEM - 2nd Place

Recipient: Piper Dula

School: St. Rose

JUNIOR POEM - 3rd Place

Recipient: Gavin Campeau

School: St. Rose

INTERMEDIATE ESSAY - 2nd Place

Recipient: April Richie

School: Princess Elizabeth

INTERMEDIATE ESSAY - 3rd Place

Recipient: Staigh Hashim

School: Princess Elizabeth

SENIORS/ POSTER B&W

Recipient: Nihar Anbarlekar

School: Riverside Secondary

Congratulations
to all recipients

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Zone A1 (LaSalle, Windsor & Tecumseh)

The 2025 Zone A-1 contest date is on Saturday March 1st and will be held at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644, 1570 Marentette Ave, Windsor, ON N8X 4E3. Instruction to Competitors/ Family/ Teachers who wish to attend:

- a. Primary (Grades 1-3) and Junior (Grades 4-6): Please arrive at RCL Branch 644 at 8:00 am to confirm your presence, finalize registration, and then enter the Hall and await directions from the emcee (Comrade Morris Brause).
 - b. Primary and Junior competition will take place between 8:45-11:30 am.
 - c. The awards ceremony will occur at 11:30 am.
 - d. A free lunch will be provided between 11:45 am – 12:45 pm.
 - e. Intermediate (Grades 7-9) and Seniors (Grades 10-12): Please arrive between 11:45 am to 12:30pm to verify your registration.
 - f. A free lunch will be provided between 11:45 am – 12:45 pm.
 - g. Intermediate and Senior competitions will occur between 1:00 – 4:00 pm.
 - h. The awards ceremony will take place between 4:00 pm.
- Competitor Registrations – request that they be sent or delivered NLT Friday, February 21st , 2025.

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Next General meeting is Thursday, January 23rd at 7:00pm.
The general meeting gives you a chance to let us know how
we are doing and what we can do to make it better for you the
members. Must show your membership card.



SPORTS REPORT - Dan Crockett / Chair

December has been a very eventful month The Pool Tables got a much needed upgrade and everyone is happy with the results!

The November Gift Card Giveaway for our darts leagues was a success, the winners are Monday Night Womans Darts - Becci Mercer, Tuesdays - Jeff Studman, Wednesdays - Norm Campeau, Friday is a tie and playoff round beginning January.

Zone A-1 Senior Darts , I am very proud to announce the Winners were from Branch 255 and next year we will be Hosting! Congrats to the team of, Mark Prutchick, Todd Kavenaugh, Brian Finnigan and Peter Coyles for coming in first!, also Congatulation to the team of Norm Campeau, Don Ellwood, Al Williamson, and Steve Murphy for qualifying for District as well! Some players also qualified for doubles and singles.

Zone A-1 Mixed Darts was held on Dec 28th and despite having only one team sign up that team came in second place overall and qualified for District. Congrats to the team of Melissa Campeau, Crystal Williamson, Dan Crockett and Brandon Williamson. The same team players also qualified for doubles as well, placing 2nd and 3rd place!

BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT AT BRANCH 255 LEGION

Thinking of throwing a party ? Need food?

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90th ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT ... SALE

Branch 255 Legion Fundraiser

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Short sleeve \$15 tax included OR

Long sleeve \$20 tax included

Unisex sizes small. medium. large. XL. XXL XXXL



A BIT OF NEW YEAR HUMOR!



Bill Abbott Cartoons



MILITARY RECOGNITION BOOK REPORT - Jim Dunn


As the “Keepers of Remembrance”, Ontario Provincial Command is proud to publish an annual Military Service Recognition Book to identify and recognize many of our Veterans who have or are living in the Province of Ontario. Veterans who have either served or are still serving in our Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or Allied Forces qualify for a submission publication.

We have finished with volume number 11 of the MSRB and have started on volume number 12. It is important to keep this program going so I will be approaching our new members to help with the recruitment of new Veteran submissions. It is very important that permission is given by the Veteran or a family member. Applications will be behind the bar.

View all 11 books at : <https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book/msr-flipbooks>



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BAR REPORT - Ron Marshall / Chair

The bar continues to do well and our inventories have been spot on. We are blessed to have our dart leagues, pool league and our card players. There is always something going on at the branch. Check out the calendar in our monthly bulletin.

I want to thank our bartenders (Michelle, Tracey and Sue) for picking up shifts the past 2 months and helping with training our 2 new bartenders. I'd like to welcome Hollie and Christina to our branch 255 family, and ask that you have some patience with them while they get used to our system. I truly believe we have the best staff here. Please treat them with the respect they deserve.

Reminder: We now accept debit at the bar.

At this writing Christmas and New Years have passed and gone but I hope and wish you all had a great Holiday. I look forward to a great new year here at the branch.

thank you

To our men and women in uniform past, present and future

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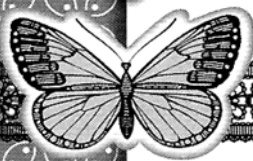
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ken Marshall / Chair

Gary Marshall was the early bird winner for the November Draw. Thanks to all who renewed early. Remember, dues for 2025 are due by January 31st. You must be paid up member to participate in our daily and weekly draws as well as participating in Legion Sponsored Sporting events.

Id like to welcome new member Sharon Piva. Welcome to the Branch 255 family Sharon.

POPPY REPORT - Ron Marshall

Current Poppy Bank Balance is \$101,534.56.

I want to thank Glenn Magone for applying and receiving a \$1000.00 donation from his company Company Power. They sponsor employees who volunteer their time to their community. Glenn volunteers a lot here at the Branch. Much appreciated.

I am happy to announce that our branch raised a grand total of \$81,614.59.

I want to thank all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication. I especially want to thank my Poppy Committee consisting of Ken Marshall, Kathy Patterson and Diane Vendrasco. Did you know that all monies raised for the poppy Fund are used to assist our Veterans and their families who need our help.

We have ordered a supply of Legion/Poppy hats which are for sale at the bar. All proceeds will go towards next years Poppy Campaign.

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) protects Canadian sovereignty and interests at sea, at home and abroad. Whether during times of conflict or peace, the RCN promotes global stability, enforces international law and helps protect both the Canadian and world economies.

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Join the RCFA: https://forces.ca/en/careers/env_2

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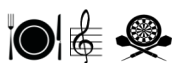





















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<p>WISHING ALL VETERANS, MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND THEIR FAMILIES A</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p> <p>MAY THE COMING MONTHS BE SPRINKLED WITH MOMENTS OF JOY, LOVE AND LAUGHTER.</p>		<p>1</p>  <p>LEVEE HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> <p>MENS ANGLO DART LEAGUE 7:30PM</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p> <p>SIXTIES LIVE BAND 8PM</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> <p>MIXED POOL LEAGUE 6PM</p> <p>7PM WOMENS DART LEAGUE</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC SIXTIES LIVE 3:30-6:30</p> <p>MEN'S DARTS LEAGUE 7:30PM</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p> <p>MIXED DART LEAGUE 7PM</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> <p>MENS ANGLO DART LEAGUE 7:30PM</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p> <p>SIXTIES LIVE BAND 8PM</p>
<p>12</p> <p>OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> <p>MIXED POOL LEAGUE 6PM</p> <p>7PM WOMENS DART LEAGUE</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC MICKEY 3:30-6:30</p> <p>MEN'S DARTS LEAGUE 7:30PM</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p> <p>MIXED DART LEAGUE 7PM</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>EXECUTIVE MEETING 7PM</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> <p>MENS ANGLO DART LEAGUE 7:30PM</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p> <p>CROWBAR HOTEL 3.0 BAND 8PM</p>
<p>19</p> <p>OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> <p>MIXED POOL LEAGUE 6PM</p> <p>7PM WOMENS DART LEAGUE</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC CROWBAR 3:30-6:30</p> <p>MEN'S DARTS LEAGUE 7:30PM</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p> <p>MIXED DART LEAGUE 7PM</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>GENERAL MEETING 7PM</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> <p>MENS ANGLO DART LEAGUE 7:30PM</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>MEAT DRAW 2-5PM</p> <p>CROWBAR HOTEL 3.0 BAND 8PM</p>
<p>26</p> <p>OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CUT THROAT PEPPER 6PM</p> <p>MIXED POOL LEAGUE 6PM</p> <p>7PM WOMENS DART LEAGUE</p> <p>L.A. MEETING 6:30PM</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC TRAX 3:30-6:30</p> <p>MEN'S DARTS LEAGUE 7:30PM</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p> <p>6PM EUCHRE</p> <p>MIXED DART LEAGUE 7PM</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>1PM MIXED CRIBBAGE</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>FISH FRY 3-8:30PM</p> <p>MENS ANGLO DART LEAGUE 7:30PM</p>	 <p>THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS</p>